

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1033**  
Katsumasa HIJIKATA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0416A  
Serial No. 10/800,716 : Group Art Unit 2815  
Filed March 16, 2004 : Examiner Michael B Shingleton

VARIABLE GAIN AMPLIFICATION  
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**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 20, 2008, the Examiner identified the application as containing claims directed to two distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect Species I, drawn to Fig. 1. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 15-17, 19-22 and 24 are readable on the elected species. In addition, Applicants note that claims 1, 4, 5, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 21 are generic claims.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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